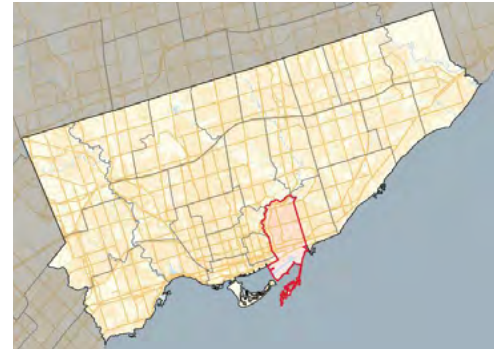


# TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



## WARD 14: TORONTO DANFORTH



Shadowland Theatre, *Dearly Departed*. Funded by TAC's Creative Communities Multi-Year Operating program. Photo by Avery Schellenberg (2021).

### ARTS SPOTLIGHT

**Ward 14:** Toronto Danforth  
**Organization:** Obsidian Theatre  
**TAC Grant, 2021:** \$65,000  
obsidiantheatre.com

Obsidian is Canada's leading theatre company dedicated to the exploration, development, and production of the Black voice. In 2021 it received a TAC grant for its ongoing operations which includes producing plays focusing primarily on Black playwrights, developing work by Black theatre makers and training emerging Black artists. With multiple Dora Mavor Moore Award nominations and awards to its credit, it is succeeding in its mission to bring the Black voice, in its many artistic dialects, to Canada's cultural forefront.

For details of all 950 TAC grants for 2021, [click here](#).

**Toronto Arts Council (TAC)** is the City of Toronto's funding body for artists and arts organizations. TAC grants support an average of 950 organizations and individual artists every year.

**Toronto Arts Foundation** is a charitable organization that offers initiatives and programs throughout the year for artists, arts organizations and residents.

As affiliate organizations, we work together to build and support Toronto's vibrant cultural sector.





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## THE ARTS MAKE OUR CITY BETTER

The arts, in all its forms, unite, engage, offer beauty and inspire dialogue. They bring great opportunities for economic growth, prosperity, fulfillment and belonging. Residents agree: 90% of Torontonians believe that the arts make Toronto a better place to live.

Strong support for Toronto's art and artists is crucial to talent retention, maintaining the health of the arts sector and is the fastest route to growth and revitalization.

- ▶ Toronto City Council currently spends just **0.5%** of Toronto's total operating budget on arts and culture.
- ▶ Every **\$1** invested by Toronto City Council in Toronto's arts organizations leverages an additional **\$15** income from donations and ticket sales.
- ▶ Prior to the pandemic, Toronto ticket sales generated **\$230 million** in the non-profit sector alone, in addition to the economic benefits for sectors like restaurants and transportation.
- ▶ Arts programming is a magnet for international travellers and an anchor for local audiences, with **30 million** people attending city funded programs in 2019.

Toronto Arts Council plays a key role. In 2022 TAC will:

- ▶ Distribute **\$23+ million** in grants
- ▶ Support **950** arts organizations, collectives and professional artists

With an application success rate of 43%, TAC funds only a fraction of the artistic activity happening in the city. With more funds, we can invest more in the organizations and artists who are helping to build our vibrant, creative city and contribute to our economic recovery.

## THE ARTS MATTER – VOICE YOUR SUPPORT IN THE LEAD UP TO TORONTO'S 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.